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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Bruce A. Brandt et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Serial No.: 09/652,275 ) Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak  
Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR )  
PROCESSING MAILPIECE )  
INFORMATION IN A MAIL )  
PROCESSING DEVICE USING )  
SORTER APPLICATION SOFTWARE )

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated December 4, 2001, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between two groups of claims, Group I containing claims 1-36 and 71-106, and Group II containing claims 37-70 and 107-140. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 37-70 and 107-140, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to code reading and processing of codes.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for One Month Extension of Time for responding to the Restriction Requirement with the requisite fee. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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